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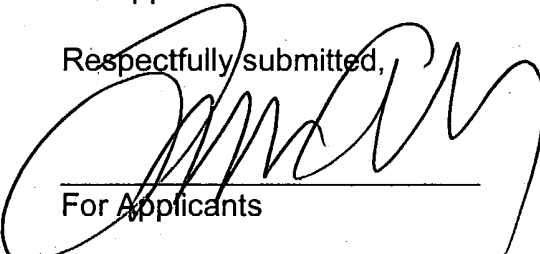
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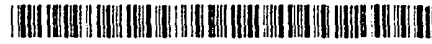
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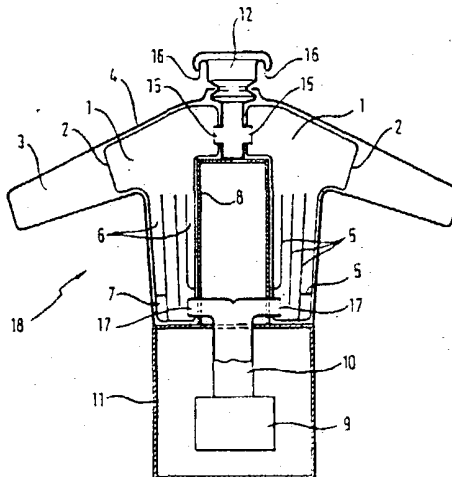
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(54) Title: **DEVICE FOR PRESSING SHIRTS USING A SUBDIVIDED INFLATABLE BODY**

(54) Bezeichnung: **VORRICHTUNG ZUM GLÄTTEN VON HEMDEN MIT EINEM UNTERTEILTEN BLÄHKÖRPER**



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to the pressing of shirts on a shirt-shaped inflatable body (18), on which the shirt is stretched flat. According to the invention, lateral cavities (1), which are inflated by means of an increased pressure, are provided in the sides of the trunk section of the inflatable body (18). Said cavities are supported by a frame (8) located inside the inflatable body (18) and press the trunk section outwards, forming a flat shape. The pressure in the lateral chambers (1) located inside the casing (4) of the inflatable body (18) is increased by the fact that both the casing (2) of the lateral chambers (1) and the casing (4) of the inflatable body (18) are permeable to air and that the lateral chambers (1) are directly supplied with air by means of a fan (9), whereas the remaining areas (3) of the inflatable body (18) are only inflated with the air that flows through the casing (2) of the lateral chambers (1) against a flow resistance.

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(57) Zusammenfassung: Das Glätten von Hemden auf einem hemdförmigen Blähkörper (18) erfolgt vorteilhafterweise bei einem Spannen des Hemds in flacher Ausrichtung. Dazu sind erfindungsgemäß in den Seiten des Rumpfabschnitts des Blähkörpers (18) Seitenhohlräume (1) vorgesehen, die mit einem erhöhten Druck aufgebläht werden, sich an einem innerhalb des Blähkörpers (18) angeordneten Gestells (8) abstützen und den Rumpfabschnitt nach außen in eine flache Form drücken. Der erhöhte Druck in den innerhalb der Hülle 4 des Blähkörpers (18) angeordneten Seitenkammern (1) wird dadurch erzielt, dass sowohl die Hülle (2) der Seitenkammern (1) als auch die Hülle (4) des Blähkörpers (18) luftdurchlässig sind und ausschließlich die Seitenkammern (1) direkt von einem Gebläse (9) mit Luft versorgt werden, wohingegen die restlichen Bereiche (3) des Blähkörpers (18) nur mit der Luft aufgebläht werden, die gegen einen Strömungswiderstand durch die Hülle (2) der Seitenkammern (1) hindurchströmt.